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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE: SMITH'S VIEWS ON ADJOURNMENT

1. AFTER MY MEETING WITH IAN SMITH, I CALLED IVOR RICHARD TO TELL HIM THAT THE RHODESIAN PRIME MINISTER PRESSED WITH ME STRONGLY HIS VIEW THAT THE CONFERENCE BE RECESSED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE - EVEN BEFORE THE WEEKEND.

2. RICHARD SAID HE WOULD NOT RECESS THE CONFERENCE ON THE DEMAND OF A SINGLE DELEGATION. NKOMO, MUZOREWA, AND SITHOLE HAD ALSO ASKED FOR A RECESS BUT HAD NOT ARGUED FOR A DATE AS EARLY AS SMITH HAS SUGGESTED.

3. RICHARD WOULD HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF SMITH'S POSITION AFTER THEIR MEETING THIS MORNING.

4. RICHARD ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD HEARD NYERERE AND KAUNDA HAVE REPLIED TO THE SECRETARY'S RECENT COMMUNICATION IN STRONG AND DIFFICULT TERMS. HE ASSUMED THE WORD IS SPREADING IN GENEVA. CATTO

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